

February 2, 2018

To Whom It May Concern:

Re: Letter in support of Ukraine War Amps for an application for the Defenders of Ukraine Fund for projects to assist Ukraine war veterans.

In June, 2015, I became involved with the Ukraine War Amps after reading in the EuroMaidan Press that it was a charity assisting the soldiers who were disabled due to the war in Donbas, eastern Ukraine. After communicating with Gene Berezovski who is the organizer along with John Broadhead, I became enthusiastic about helping the unfortunate soldiers and their families in this terrible war for the freedom of all of Ukraine.

With Gene's guidance, I was able to send over 30 parcels to the families of the disabled soldiers and financial aid as well, over a period of approximately two years. Fortunately, I was also able to help some families whose sons/fathers had been killed.

My Ukrainian-Canadian community in Regina, Saskatchewan, as well as friends, were very willing to help financially in sending parcels when I made presentations to them describing the dire situation in eastern Ukraine. The community also has been generous in donating to UWA the amount of US\$50.00 a month to give to each soldier totaling in the amount of thousands of dollars. UWA would provide me with the name and background of each soldier and when the money was given to each one, I was sent a photo showing that the soldier received the money and holding a photo poster with thanks. I was then able to provide the photo to the generous organization or individual who were pleased to see what help their money had provided. In almost all instances, I received thankful letters from the individuals who were helped. What impressed me most was that these recipients were thankful primarily that someone so far away in Canada had not forgotten them! Helping the soldiers and their families gave and gives me joy.

The Ukrainian Canadian Congress, Saskatchewan Provincial Council, was pleased to promote the wonderful work of UWA in their Newsletter. As well, the Ukrainian Voice in Winnipeg, carried an article about the good works of UWA.

We all are very impressed with the operation of UWA and their effectiveness with providing finances and support to the brave but unfortunate disabled soldiers. These men became disabled because of their patriotism to acquire democracy for their beloved homeland, Ukraine.

Sincerely yours,

Natalie Ostryzniuk